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THE WEATHER
MONROE: Cloudy, rain and much colder tonight and Tuesday; lowest tonight near 33.

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FAIR ENOUGH

By
WESTBROOK PEGLER

"We cannot tolerate those who put on a false front, who are not honest and sincere and employ their offices as a decoy and cover-up for personal gain through devious means."

In this charge to a federal grand jury about to investigate reeking corruption in the building of a great army embarkation camp at Orangeburg, N. Y., Grover M. Moscovitz, chairman of the Roosevelt government from March 4, 1933 to the date of these presents. The inquiry is limited, however, to Camp Shanks, a minor though fairly good example of the same sordid, greedy cynicism which has exploited the very presidency, itself, "for personal gain through devious means," in which the profiteers reasonably may have thought they had the benefit and blessing of distinguished precedent. The Department of Justice, belatedly, and not until the horse has been stolen, tried and sentenced on this narrow sector. For that, possibly, the people should be grateful. We may doubt, however, that Judge Moscovitz expressed the general policy of the D. of J., and one fears that his sweeping disapproval of the exploitation of office "for personal gain through devious means" will be entered in his dossier and held against him should he ever be proposed for promotion to the court of appeals. This does smack of lese majeste.

Justice has moved deliberately, not to say reluctantly, in this case. It was a stench two years ago whose fumes were wafted up the Hudson river as far as Newburgh where Edward G. O'Neill, representing the attorney general of the state of New York, was investigating the colossal shakedown of muckers and hard-rock men, miners and a variety of other rollers by two of the foulest union rackets of the Roosevelt adherence.

These were the Hodcarriers' Union, which had gone more than 30 years without a convention or a legal election of officers, and the Operating Engineers' Union dominated by William E. Maloney of Chicago, and Joe E. Maloney, a drunken thug and politician of the Frank Hague chapter of the party of humanity. For years, these rackets had robbed and persecuted the common man for whom the heart of Henry Wallace ever bleeds while, in his political character, he readily accepts the help of their oppressors. They were tolling dangerously far underground on the Delaware aqueduct, tunnel worming under mountains and rivers to bring water to New York, financed largely by federal money. The total cost was \$300,000,000 and much of it was shakedown and graft. Although this was a violation of federal law, the Department of Justice took no interest.

Not until the latter days of his administration did Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, Roosevelt's New York satrap, begin to inquire into this outrage, then so long established to have become an institution. Then, when Tom Dewey went to move in behind him, Lehman sent O'Neill, a Democrat, down to Newburgh to root the rascals out. O'Neill is a politician of his own and, as a sideline while running his inquiry, he conducted a radio program on a local station looking to his own future as a personality and an influence, available for private practice of public office in the region thereabouts.

Quite reasonably, he was still in the preliminary stages of his inquiry when time ran out for the Lehman administration and Dewey was forced to choose between disorganizing a job or way to turn out a Democratic governor, and permitting him to carry on with both his official duties and a sideline. Dewey kept him on with additional appropriation and O'Neill's results, finally, were a compromise between success and failure, reached down into Frank Hague's Jersey dynasty to grab and once performed the worthy political duty of driving the political boss, Thomas, out of Newark where he attempted to make a speech, pelting him with eggs. He broke the union racket on the aqueduct just about the time that the job petered out anyway. Some of his

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EDLEY IS HUNTED IN WESTGEO AREA
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26.—(P)—Police and sheriffs' officers continued today to search the Westgeo, La., area for Joseph Medley, 43, escaped fugitive convicted wanted for questioning in connection with the bathtub case of two women after Medley reported seen in the area Saturday.

newsboy, whose name was not disclosed, reported to Chief of Detectives John Groesch that a man resembling Medley approached him Saturday and offered him a quarter for super saying he wanted to "read up" on the latest developments in the bathtub murder cases.

Medley, who escaped from the Michigan state prison, last November, was wanted for questioning in the bathtub case, and that of Mrs. Anna Zimmerman who was found in a Chicago hotel last week in similar circumstances.

Medley said there was no evidence that either death was a homicide, that Medley was wanted for questioning because he had been with the women shortly before their

YANKS ONLY 13 MILES FROM COLOGNE

1,200 American Bombers Stage War's Biggest Raid On Berlin

Stream Over German Capital In 150-Mile-Long Procession

LONDON, Feb. 26.—(P)—In the biggest air attack ever made on Berlin, more than 1,200 American heavy bombers dropped 3,000 tons of explosives and fire bombs into the heart of the city during the noon hour today.

More than 500,000 small incendiary bombs were showered upon the refugee-crowded capital, with three railway stations—Schlesischer, Alexanderplatz and Berlin North—as the main targets. All three are within two miles of the air ministry building in the middle of the city.

The bombers were guarded over the target by 700 long-range Mustangs and Thunderbolts.

The first announcement by United States strategic air force headquarters said the attack was directed against railway targets and most of the bombs were dropped through clouds.

The bomber fleet exceeded by approximately 200 planes the size of the assault on Berlin February 2.

Even though battered by scores of previous air attacks, Berlin still is an important railway hub, and practically all supplies and reinforcements for the eastern front must move through there.

Many government buildings along with several key railway stations probably were caught by bombs.

Berlin radio was off the air for more than three hours during the day for "technical reasons."

Berlin previously has been estimated as 50 to 75 per cent destroyed. But a flood of hungry, ill-clothed refugees from the east has swollen its population to as high as 5,000,000.

DNB in an early afternoon broadcast said a 150-mile long train of bombers was still approaching the city while the first formations attacked the target.

Starting at 10 a. m. German broadcasts repeatedly reported the movements of large bomber formations attacking the Reich for the 14th consecutive day.

R. A. F. Mosquitos attacked Berlin last night.

The Mosquitos also bombed Erfurt, important railway junction southwest of Leipzig while other planes hit a variety of frontier targets in Holland and the Ruhr.

Allied air forces flew more than 5,000 sorties yesterday, exclusive of the United States 15th air force in Italy, which carried its record assault on targets in Austria and southern Germany.

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BERLIN DRIVE EXPECTED SOON

Russian Maneuvers For Launching Big Assault Under Way

MOSCOW, Feb. 26.—(P)—Two great Russian armies maneuvered today for approaching drive on Berlin, while other Soviet forces made important gains on either flank—towards the Baltic through Pomerania, and in besieged Breslau in Silesia.

All signs indicated the coming offensive against the German capital will be stronger than any yet loosed by the Russians in the central sector, and one which may reach the gates of the city.

Thirteen-Year-Old Bride Mothers Big Family



Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou Houdeshell (second from left) has taken charge of the large family of her farmer-husband, Ralph Houdeshell (left), a veteran of World War I. He is holding his youngest child by a former marriage, two-year-old Patricia Aliene. Other members of the family, in their home at Sheldon, Mo., are, left to right: Viola Ruth Houdeshell, 13; her sister, Dorothy Ruth, 6; standing in front; Lenora, 8; Fannie May, 11; and Juanita Pauline, 4; standing in front. Houdeshell is the father of 11 children, two of whom are in the armed services. (A. P. wirephoto)

FIRE DESTROYS BIG ICE PLANT

Perkins Company Sustains \$60,000 Loss In Sunday Blaze

An estimated total loss of the Perkins Ice Plant on Lee avenue, which was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning at 3:30 was announced by Mr. Perkins, proprietor of the plant, as being \$60,000. The fire, which started in the rear of the building, was allegedly caused from an explosion of an ammonia compress.

Neighbors heard the loud explosion and immediately called the fire department and a general alarm was sent out to all firemen. It was declared by the firemen that hard fighting to keep the flames from spreading to the surroundings was required. In the fight, Capt. R. L. Frantom, of station number two, stepped on a nail, and was given medical treatment by a physician.

Mr. Perkins stated that the 50-ton plant, which was opened last spring could be rebuilt within ninety days and that his customers will not have to suffer from lack of ice and the customary service. Plans have been made to secure ice for routine business by means of the plant on Jackson street, which will open soon, he stated.

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RAILROAD WORKERS' VACATIONS UPPED

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—(P)—Increased vacation allowances with pay have been granted to more than 80,000 railroad workers in a labor-management approved agreement which is subject to review by the government under the stabilization program.

The agreement was reached after more than six months of negotiations between the carriers conference committee representing 15 major railroads in the east, west and southeast and representatives of 14 railway brotherhoods. Spokesmen for the railroads confirmed yesterday that it was signed Friday after conferences headed by Frank Douglas of the national media-tion board.

The Chicago Tribune said the plan provides a paid vacation of one week for all employees with not less than 160 compensated days in the preceding year and employees with five years' service will get two weeks vacation. The agreement is retroactive to January 1 of this year and will continue to January 1, 1947.

Under the previous agreement, in effect since December, 1941, clerks and telegraphers received six days' vacation after one year service, nine days after two years and 12 days after three years. Other non-operating employees received six days after a year's service.

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POPE FULLY RECOVERED

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 26.—(P)—Pope Pius XII, fully recovered from a recent attack of influenza, will observe Friday the sixth anniversary of his elevation to the papacy and his 69th birthday. The anniversary of the election will not be observed formally in the Vatican but a ceremony will take place March 12 in the Sistine Chapel on the anniversary of the pope's coronation.

LACK ORDERS TO ENFORCE CURFEW

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26.—(P)—New Orleans police were without orders today to enforce the government midnight curfew on night spots and bars which goes into effect at midnight tonight, and officials said no action would be taken unless requested by municipal or federal authorities.

Police Superintendent George Rye, and Public Safety Commissioner Frank R. Gomila said they had "no official instructions or requests from any government sources to close night clubs."

"New Orleans police will not interfere with the curfew in any manner unless requested to do something by government authority," Rye added.

Meanwhile, a survey by the Times-Picayune of 49 bars and night clubs, indicated that most quarters would observe the curfew. Two of those interviewed said they would remain open until forced to close, and a third said he would observe the curfew after this week.

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OUTPUT FACES TRIPLE THREAT

Draft, Floods And Miners' Wage Dispute May Hurt Production

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(P)—The government's drive for peak war production by June faces a potent triple threat of new draft demands, floods and the biennial issue of wages for John L. Lewis' coal miners.

The call for more fighting men already is at hand. Local selective service boards have received notice to move into the next age group of in-

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LAST NIGHT BEFORE CURFEW GOES QUIETLY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(P)—Broadway's last night of late-hour, unfettered whoop-doo turned out to be far from the New Year's eve celebration most night life experts anticipated. In fact, it was no more than a typical Sunday night's business in the more prominent Manhattan night clubs.

It therefore appeared that no one outside of the usual saloon society stay-out-lates and the owners and employees concerned care much about the "requested" curfew. Only a few diehards among the cafe owners held any hope that a last-minute reprieve, such as Mayor F. H. La Guardia hopefully but mistakenly interposed, would occur.

The mayor said on Friday that New York City's night clubs and other

MINERS ISSUE STRIKE THREAT

Serve Notice Coal Walk-out May Occur Within 30 Days

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(P)—John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers policy committee served notice today under the Smith-Connally act today of the possibility of a bituminous coal strike in 30 days.

The bituminous contract expires March 31 and negotiations with the operators begin Thursday. The policy committee gathered today to formulate demands for a new contract. The strike notice was the first action of the meeting.

Lewis, in a letter to Secretary of Labor Perkins notified her that: "In order to protect our membership under the terms of this act, this letter is now directed to you as formal notice that a labor dispute exists within the meaning of the act, as interpreted by this committee, between the United Mine Workers of America and the bituminous coal operators of this country."

"This notice is not intended to apply to any bituminous coal mine now under governmental seizure and control."

"To the end and for the purpose of procuring a new basic wage agreement for the industry, we will work diligently and forthrightly for the ensuing 30 days to prevent, if possible, any interruption of coal production so vital to the prosecution of the war in which our country is now engaged, and to which we pledge our full devotion."

Lewis issued a bitter denunciation of the Smith-Connally act, which was enacted in the summer of 1943 after

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ENTERTAINMENTS SHOULD IGNORE THE MIDNIGHT CURFEW REQUEST UNTIL SPECIFIC NOTICE, STATING THAT NEW YORK'S \$100,000,000 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY MUST BE CONSIDERED IN A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT LIGHT FROM THE REST OF THE NATION. SUBSEQUENTLY THE MAYOR WAS INFORMED THAT NEW YORK'S 12,000 PLACES OF AMUSEMENT FROM FLEA CIRCUSES TO THE MOST DIGNIFIED HOTELS, MUST HEW TO THE MIDNIGHT CLOSING JUST AS THE REST OF THE COUNTRY'S SALOONS, THEATERS, PENNY ARCADES AND OTHER HEADQUARTERS OF LIGHTER DIVERSION.

Some of the clubs held little funeral ceremonies. At Cafe Society downtown, Owner Barney Josephson went into his own pocket and bought everyone in the club the last drink

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HEAVY SMASHES RAIN ON TOKYO

200 Superfortresses Attack After Carrier Plane Raid

INDUSTRIES BOMBED

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 26.—(P)—Industrial targets in the Tokyo area and elsewhere on Japan's main island of Honshu took a powerful one-two punch from American aerial might yesterday as wave after wave of carrier-based planes roared over followed by more than 200 Superfortresses—largest B-29 fleet ever assembled.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communique today made no further mention of the carrier strike—maintaining the same silence which followed the Fifth fleet's two-day carrier smash against Tokyo February 16, 17.

Radio Tokyo said 1,600 carrier planes and 165 sky giants made the twin aerial attacks Sunday. Subsequently Tokyo trimmed the carrier planes to 600. The war department reported that more than 200 Superfortresses participated. All returned.

The Superfortresses dropped bombs and incendiaries for two hours through a heavy snowfall. Snow has little effect on incendiaries.

Damage was done to airfields, military installations and transportation facilities in the Tokyo area, radio Tokyo said, adding "bombs started fires in various sections" but "they were almost entirely quelled by night-fall."

Bombs fell in an area adjacent to the guard house at the gates of Omiya palace, residence of the Empress Dowager Sadako and the bureau of the imperial estates, the Japanese said.

Premier Kuniaki Koiso made a second call on Emperor Hirohito today to "offer our profound apologies for the 'unforgivable negligence' in the approach of danger to his person."

Explaining the Japanese fleet's reluctance to come out and fight, radio Tokyo said that "the fleet has adopted the strategy of operating within the radius of action of land-based aircraft."

"It is technically impracticable for our land-based aerial formations to deal decisive blows to the American naval forces so long as the enemy task forces remain at a long distance," the broadcast explained, "but if they venture into waters near our coast, the air units of the Japanese army and navy will find themselves in a favorable position."

During Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's first Fifth fleet strike against Tokyo one U. S. surface unit closed to within 10 miles of the Japanese mainland. Associated Press War Correspondent Robert Geiger said a destroyer rescued a navy airplane crew within 10 miles of Tokyo's harbor while large units of the fleet came

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JAPS COMMIT MASS SUICIDE

Those Sealed In On Corregidor Blowing Up Tunnels

MANILA, Feb. 26.—(P)—Officially the battle is over, but Manila rumbled today as American artillery blasted Japanese who used a surrender period to improve their positions in the two buildings they still hold.

And at the entrance of Manila bay, Corregidor fortress was shaken anew by underground explosions touched off by enemy marines committing mass suicide.

Last night loud speakers blared a final warning from Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler to Japanese in Manila's agricultural and finance buildings to "surrender, commit suicide or be killed."

The Japanese answered with sniper fire in the direction of the loud speakers. When the warning voice gave the enemy 30 minutes to evacuate, First Lt. Richard K. Bishop of East Brady, Pa., said, some Japanese dashed from the building and dove into defense positions at its base, using the immunity period to improve their position.

Main fighting was east of Manila along the Takahashi line where Maj. Gen. O. W. Griswold, 14th corps commander, predicted heavy battling.

There was no mention in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today of action in Manila. He announced Saturday that doughboys of the 37th Infantry and First cavalry divisions overwhelmed the enemy's final positions in south Manila's ancient Intramuros and destroyed the trapped garrison.

More than 12,000 Japanese bodies already had been counted.

On Corregidor 200 survivors tried to make a run for it from the Malinta tunnel mouth after a tremendous blast

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LLOYD GEORGE 'VERY WEAK'
LONDON, Feb. 26.—(P)—A bulletin from the North Wales home of David Lloyd George this morning said the former prime minister had passed a comfortable night and that his physical condition was about the same. He was described yesterday as "very weak."

Battle In Sight Of German City

Town Described Officially As Most Devastated In All Rhineland; U. S. Tanks Stream Across Roer Bridges

PARIS, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Two American armies sped five miles across the Rhine valley today in tanks and on foot to within 13 miles of Cologne and within six miles of the great Ruhr arsenal and its border city of Muenchen Gladbach. Sweeping up 25 or more towns, the American Ninth and First armies closed within three miles of the Erft river—last water barrier before the sprawling Rhine metropolis of Cologne—and moved within 19 miles southwest of Duesseldorf, administrative center of the Ruhr.

Cologne's spires were in sight.

The assault front broadened to 40 miles and was strengthened continuously by the infusion of streams of tanks, self-propelled guns and fresh manpower.

Some 60 miles below the Cologne plain battle, the American Third army in a swift seven-mile sprint reached the Nims river near Bitburg and outflanked the ancient fortress city of Trier. The gain carried five miles into the Siegfried line past the Saar river town of Saarburg. The Canadian First army applied heavier pressure on the Ruhr from the north.

First army troops of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges surged closest to Cologne, a city of 768,000 which was described officially as the most devastated city in all the Rhineland.

The nearest approach was beyond the villages of Mornheim, Goltzheim, Gierlerath and Mornheim, all captured in night attacks. First army troops fought into Frauwallheim and beyond Drove.

The Americans were seven miles past Dieren, which was cleared out yesterday, and swiftly approaching the Erft river.

Tanks streamed across the Roer bridges to power the attacks of the American Ninth and First armies, which the Germans said were using 40 divisions or up to 600,000 men.

The great Ruhr and Rhineland city of Duesseldorf, with a population of 540,000, was less than 20 miles from the Ninth army. Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's shock troops closed within a mile of the heavily fortified communications center of Erkelenz, and nine of the fringe of the Ruhr industrial region and Muenchen Gladbach, a city of 127,000.

The Americans fought 26 miles deep in Germany and less than four miles from the Erft river where five German divisions offering "light to moderate resistance" on the Cologne plain were expected to make a supreme stand to bar the Americans from the Rhine.

South of the Cologne plain, the American Third army broke into a run in advances of seven miles which carried the Fourth armored division to the Nims river in the vicinity of the fortified center of Bitburg. A dozen or more towns fell to Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops sweeping toward Koblenz on the middle Rhine.

Third army units moved within two miles southwest of Bitburg. In an advance in the Siegfried line five miles beyond the captured Saar river stronghold of Saarburg, the Third army outflanked the great bastion of Trier by reaching a point ten miles to the southeast.

North of the Cologne plain, Field Marshal Montgomery intensified his attacks behind the breached Siegfried line and moved his Canadian First army within 1,900 yards of the stoutly defended town of Calcar, two miles from the receding Rhine. Overnight advances were up to a mile and a half. These forces were 45 miles north of the Ninth army flank moving toward the Ruhr, far and away Germany's greatest arsenal.

The American Seventh army in-

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HOSPITAL PROBE URGED BY PEYTON

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26.—(P)—Rupert Peyton of Shreveport made public today a letter he addressed to Governor Davis, announcing his resignation as business manager of the Delgado Memorial Hospital here and asking for an investigation into the affairs of the institution.

Peyton has been serving in the position for the past ten weeks. He said his resignation was requested by Dr. David E. Brown, president of the Louisiana board of health.

Peyton charged in his letter that complaints on medicines and other supplies that he said were "not needed" had been made by Dr. Owen Agce, former acting medical officer in charge at the hospital and A. G. Alexander, state procurement officer.

In one of his complaints cited in the letter to the governor, Peyton said: "I charge that while I was business manager that I had serious difficulties in purchasing minor necessities for patients, including tooth brushes, tooth powder and milk and diapers for babies. During this time I was forced to purchase unnecessary medicine and equipment, both very expensive, were being received over my complaints."

Four employees of the hospital were dismissed last December 12 and one resigned during an investigation of the hospital. Because federal funds are used in connection with its operation data in connection with the investigation were turned over to United States Attorney Herbert Christenberry on December 13.

Dr. Agce was temporarily assigned as head of the hospital.

SOCIETY

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Noted Tenor To Give Concert

Three Senior Federated Music Clubs Of Monroe Will Sponsor Thursday's Concert

The month of March will be ushered in on a wave of music with a noted tenor, Cpl. Roy Glahn of Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., appearing in recital Thursday night at Northeast Junior College auditorium.

The recital, the first of March, is being sponsored by The Fine Arts Club, the MusicalCoterie and the Music Guild, Monroe's three senior Federated music clubs.

Corporal Glahn, the winner of the Chicagoland Music Festival in 1938,

has made numerous concert appearances, one of the most recent of which was under the sponsorship of the Shreveport Department Club.

Those attending the concert here will be given the opportunity to make a freewill offering, which will be used to provide musical instruments, radios, and records for the local Charity Hospital.

In presenting Corporal Glahn to Monroe music lovers, these three clubs are fulfilling three projects adopted by the National Federation

of Music Clubs this year; namely, the sponsorship of musical therapy for hospitals; the presentation of programs featuring service men; and providing musical entertainment of a high caliber to the community.

The sponsors, through this medium, are extending an invitation to the Monroe public to attend the concert Thursday night.

Reservations for the bi-monthly luncheon and bridge for the officers' wives of Selman Field scheduled for Friday, March 2, at 1:30 p. m., in the club lounge of the officers' mess are pouring in, according to Mrs. Bruce Everly, chairman of the luncheon committee.

All reservations must be made by Wednesday noon, February 28, and none will be accepted after that time. Mrs. Everly and his committee promise that an unusually elaborate theme has been planned in conjunction with the decorations for the luncheon which is to begin promptly at 1:30. Guests are asked to arrive at the club lounge about 1 o'clock to facilitate checking the reservations and arranging the seating.

The affair is open to any club member. Those with last name initials running from A through F are asked to call Mrs. G. G. Elsasser (6066-J) to make reservations. Initials G through L are to contact Mrs. R. C. Funderburk (1374-J); M through R are to call Mrs. R. H. Gingles (5748-J); and S through Z can make reservations by calling Mrs. John Welling (6378-J).

Working with Mrs. Everly are Mesdames G. C. Elsasser, R. S. Funderburk, E. E. Gable, and R. H. Gingles. Mrs. R. D. Garwood is chairman of the bridge and rummy games which follow the luncheon. Serving on her committee are Mesdames W. D. Fritz, Henry Futch, Albert Ehrlich, and Paul Harris.

Mrs. John Welling, second vice-president of the Officers' Wives' Club, is general chairman in charge of all arrangements.

Mrs. Walter J. Meyer after an absence of a year or more, returned to Monroe last week for a visit of indefinite length. After leaving Monroe Mrs. Meyer and daughter, Miss Violet Meyer, visited in Los Angeles. They are now residing in Chicago. Mrs. Meyer, a guest in the home of Mrs. H. R. Speed, has a wide circle of friends in this city who are planning daily many informal affairs of a social nature in her honor.

Friends extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Frank Meinecke in the loss of her father whose death occurred at his home in Chicago. Captain and Mrs. Meinecke and daughter Karen, left for Chicago last week in response to the message.

Members of the Reader's Clique will meet for their annual card party Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Jack Masur on Park avenue.



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Boatswain's Mate and Mrs. Carl Metcalf announce the arrival of a daughter, Kathryn Ann, February 18. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Metcalf of West Monroe and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George DeCuir.

Mrs. Harold Dixon of Jackson, Miss., formerly of Monroe, was a visitor in the city last week and was extensively entertained socially. Prominent among the courtesies extended was Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wright's supper party at their home.

Mrs. Arthur Dryburgh will leave Thursday for a week-end visit with her daughter, Mrs. Baskin Wright and Dr. Wright of Montgomery, Ala.

Lt. Louis A. Beard Jr., U. S. N. R., home on leave from duty in south Pacific, is visiting his wife, the former, Miss Marguerite Ikard and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Beard, at their home on Riverside.

Society Calendar

Tuesday

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Stone Avenue Methodist Church will meet at 2:30 p. m. Circle 1 with Mrs. J. E. Zuffall, circle 2 with Mrs. R. L. Hales.

The regular study period of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church. Second lesson in "West of the Date Line." 3 p. m.

The Triads Club of Girl Reserves will meet at the "Y" at 4:15 p. m.

The Y-Ettes Club of Girl Reserves will meet at the "Y" at 4:15 p. m.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church will meet in circles as follows:

No. 1, Mrs. E. W. Folden, 114 Egan street.

No. 2, Mrs. Lee Hetzler, 2716 Lee avenue.

No. 3, Mrs. L. A. Materne, 2707 South Grand.

No. 4, Mrs. R. N. Dozier, 806 South Third street.

No. 5, First Baptist Church.

No. 6, Mrs. J. B. Bradley, 401 Morris avenue.

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No. 8, Mrs. Pearl Griffin, 209 Washington avenue.

No. 9, Mrs. Guy Holloway, 1912 North Third street.

No. 10, Mrs. E. W. Crowley, 707 Auburn avenue.

Wednesday

Meeting of the Welcome Branch Book Club with Mrs. J. R. White, 508 Arkansas, 2:30 p. m. Co-hostesses, Mrs. Dean Selig and Mrs. R. C. Stokes. Guest speaker, Mrs. Mason Vaughn, Alahabad, India.

The Tri-Y Club of Girl Reserves will meet at the "Y" at 4:15 p. m.

The Kumjonyus Club of Girl Reserves will meet at the "Y" at 4:15 p. m.

The Business and Professional Girls Club will meet at the "Y" for their regular program and supper meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Thursday

The board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. will meet at the "Y" at 10 a. m. All members are urged to be present.

The Twin City P. T. A. will meet at the parish health unit Thursday at 4 p. m.

Reader's Clique annual card party in the home of Mrs. Jack Masur, 1703 Park avenue, 2:30 p. m.

Friday

The Blue Circle Club of the Girl Reserves will meet at the "Y" at 4:15 p. m.

The Blue Triangle Club of the Girl Reserves will meet at the "Y" at 4:15 p. m.

Mrs. Edward D. Skinner, accompanied by her daughter, Letitia Marshall, will arrive Tuesday from Evanston, Ill., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russell, during the month of March. Mr. Skinner is the former Miss Marshall Russell, popular member of Monroe's younger set.

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Louise L. McGuire Chapter No. 4 opened its regular meeting with a flag drill and the singing of America's hymn.

After the business session, Mrs. Barney Mulhern gave a talk on some of the famous men born in the month of February. She said in part, "George Washington, the first president of the United States, was great as a soldier, equally great as a statesman, greater as a leader of men, but greatest of all as a man. Abraham Lincoln was a man whose life seems a part of the national existence. By the gift of that life on the altar of service, he preserved the Union, and he gave it ungrudgingly. Dwight L. Moody, widely known American evangelist. One of the best known of his works is the Moody and Sankey hymn book, issued in connection with his work, that is widely used today. John Ruskin, a man whose life seems a part of the national existence. By the gift of that life on the altar of service, he preserved the Union, and he gave it ungrudgingly. Dwight L. Moody, widely known American evangelist. 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BERLIN

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for a quick capture of Breslau and meeting stern resistance in the drives on Danzig and Koenigsberg. It appeared, however, that Konev and Zhukov may not wait until these objectives are gained before hurling their main armies westward.

RUSSIANS DRIVE TO HAMMERSTEIN AREA
LONDON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Marshal Constantine Rokossovsky's Second White Russian army, scoring a deep new penetration in the drive toward the Baltic, has reached the area of Hammerstein, 51 miles from the sea, a German military spokesman said today.

The armored thrust threatened to cut in two a 225-mile-long coastal corridor the Germans hold from below Stettin to Elbing, in East Prussia. Hammerstein is 11 miles southeast of Neustettin.

At the western end of the corridor, the Russians also forced the Germans to retreat northward from captured Arnswalde to a line along the Ihna river, the Berlin spokesman said in a broadcast.

The Ihna runs through Starogard and Riez, 19 to 40 miles east of Stettin. Neustettin, important communications center in northeastern Pomerania, is about 90 miles east and slightly north of Stettin.

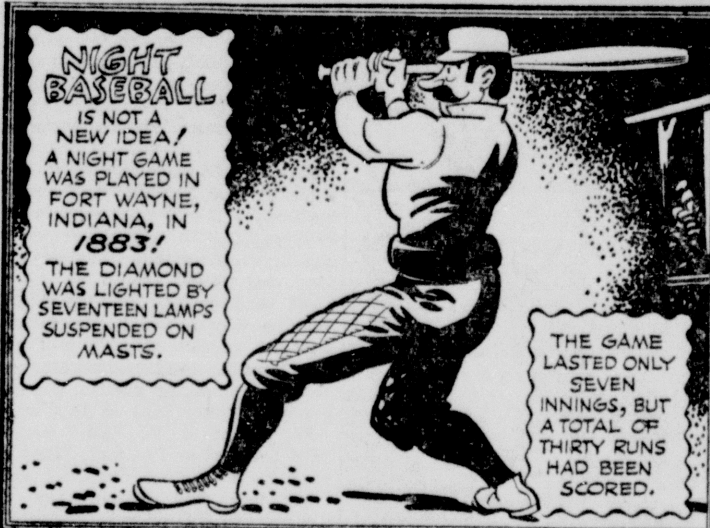
The reaching of the Hammerstein area by the Russians would represent a 10-mile gain from Brkenfeld, whose capture the Russians announced last night. The stronghold of Preussisch-Friedland also fell in the new Soviet drive, Moscow said.

Berlin said that more than 50,000 men were thrown into the new Soviet assault, spearheads of which already have struck to within 60 miles of the Baltic coast and have overrun a 10-mile stretch of the Berlin-Danzig highway.

The drive, launched in the area southwest of Chojnice, gained seven miles yesterday through lake-studded terrain, topped the town of Bischofswalde, three miles north of the super

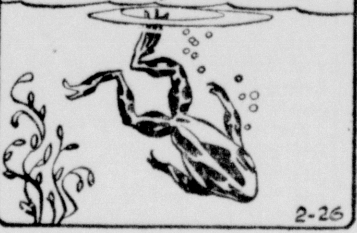
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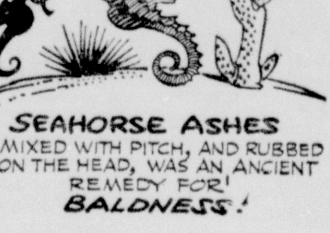
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A FROG CAN CROAK TODAY, BUT STILL BE ALIVE TOMORROW, says EDWARD C. J. MULLINS, Brooklyn, New York.



SEAHORSE ASHES

MIXED WITH PITCH, AND RUBBED ON THE HEAD, WAS AN ANCIENT REMEDY FOR BALDNESS.



LAST NIGHT

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before the 4 a. m. closing time. Then everyone stood and sang Auld Lang Syne.

A similar no-doubt touching sentiment was sounded at the huge Copacabana, one of Manhattan's largest clubs, during the 3 a. m. floor show, but there was a little meaning to the gesture since it is the only New York nightery which positively will shut its door for the duration of the midnight curfew.

Some 250 employees were dismissed as of 4 o'clock this morning, including two orchestras, most of the waiters, captains and bus boys and all of the elaborate and expensive floor revue. At the Copacabana, Jane Froman, the star of the show, sang Auld Lang Syne; the De Marcos, America's foremost ballroom dancing team, dedicated a Strauss waltz to their fellow workers and practically all the show people, with quite typical theatrical emotion, wept.

Jack Entratter and Monte Proser, owners of the Copacabana, announced their decision to shut shop because of the weekly payroll expenses, which they said were \$23,834 for the week prior to this 4 a. m.

"We can't see where we could do any better than lose \$12,000 a week even if we were to continue operating under the most prosperous circumstances of the midnight closing," Entratter said.

Several other owners of large Broadway clubs said they expect to close, although they will continue operations for a short time to see if the new hours may include some miraculous adjustment of the public's playing tastes that will bring in revenue sufficient to carry them over the "temporary" situation.

At 12:30 a. m. today 15 of the large cafe owners met in the Stork Club to have a last dismal discussion of their new woes. Among those present at the early-hour wailing party were Sherman Billingsley, owner of the Stork; Billy Rose, of the Diamond Horseshoe; Nat Harris of the Latin Quarter; Nick Pronouns of the Versailles; Mike Larsen of the Iceland Restaurant, largest on Times Square; Joe Rogers of Rogers Corners; Dario Vernon of La Martiniere; Joe Howard and the Zanzibar and Leon Enken of Leon and Eddie's.

"We didn't accomplish anything except to sympathize with each other and to decide we should have got together a year or two ago," said one of the owners on leaving the meeting.

Undoubtedly the club arriving on the Broadway scene at the least timely occasion is the new "Carnival," in the Capitol Hotel, a huge night club which cost more than \$250,000 to build, with two balconies, a large show and seats for nearly 1,000 persons. Once the scene of large conventions, championship matches, dog shows and similar affairs, the club, four stories high, was a year and a half in preparation. The management said it will continue its operation without curtailment of its staff of 300 and the only adjustment in its planned policies are those necessitated by the curfew.

At noon today five owners of prominent Manhattan night clubs, members of the Cafe Owners Guild, and Noah Braunstein, their counsel, will meet with Mayor La Guardia for further curfew discussion.

"But don't ask me why," one of them said. "We're dead ducks as of a week ago today and none of us will register any beefs from now on. We'd feel like Japs if we did."

As sobering as the curfew itself was the conviction, expressed by Attorney Braunstein, that it would bring dismissal of 5,000 night club employees. Several tavern owners believed that 25,000 tavern employees would be laid off.

Radio station and networks executives said the curfew would halt post-midnight broadcasts of local orchestras and probably would broadcast bands from midwestern and Pacific cities.

OFFICIALS ARE BUSY GIVING INFORMATION
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The business of turning out answers to the nation's inquiries about the midnight entertainment curfew gave Washington officials "a mighty interesting week."

Expressing it that way today, a spokesman for the War Manpower commission said nearly all the questions that poured in last week asked whether certain types of night spots were covered by the ban which goes into effect tonight.

"The policy statement issued Saturday gave an affirmative answer to virtually all of these," the spokesman said. "Except for a few restaurants and entertainment for service men and women, everything is covered."

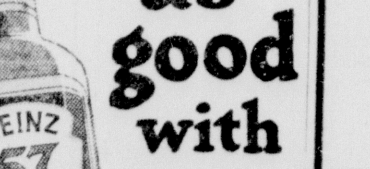
WMC doesn't expect the policy statement to put an end to questions. But from here on it's the job of the agency's 300 area directors to answer the queries.

The officials at headquarters believe, however, that most of the tough ones are out of the way.

Take the one that came in from scores of all-night restaurants that serve alcoholic beverages only as a sideline. Would they have to close? Not if they stop serving drinks at midnight, WMC ruled.

Another one was: How about areas exempt from the illumination ban-out because their power is generated by water? The purpose of the curfew is to save coal, isn't it? Answer:

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for fish, fowl, meats and economy meals

That's the primary purpose. Conservation of manpower and transportation are others. Such areas are not exempt.

Then there was this stickler: If I close my bowling alley at midnight what time can I reopen? WMC ducked it here, but said that if it's put to area directors the answer will be, "whenever you normally start your business day."

Which immediately poses another: How about places—bowling alleys and others—that have been operating around the clock? There was no answer to that one, either.

Still another that furrowed brows was: Does the ban apply in Puerto Rico and Alaska? The policy statement didn't say so, but WMC decided the curfew would toll only in continental United States.

Radio networks which re-broadcast

shows to the west coast from eastern studios after midnight wanted to know if they could do so before an audience. WMC gave them the go ahead by not listing radio stations among places affected.

And how about the resident of a private club whose drinks are served at his chair in the reading room? Okay until midnight, but the bar must close and service end then. Could the member finish his drink in the reading room? WMC supposed so.

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OAK GROVE, La., Feb. 26.—(Special)—A Red Cross War Fund drive meeting which was held in the school board office Sunday afternoon for the purpose of discussing and making specific plans to raise \$9,000, the parish's quota, was well attended by workers in the organization, states Joe E. Kelley, chairman of the drive.

WATCH OUT!

Winter ills are prevalent. If you are constipated you may be sure you are more susceptible to certain of them, right away. And while you are about it why not do a THOROUGH job by taking a Calotab tonight? Nothing acts just like good old Calotabs to relieve temporary constipation and help sweep out virus-laden mucus and other putrefactive waste matter. Use only as directed. (adv)

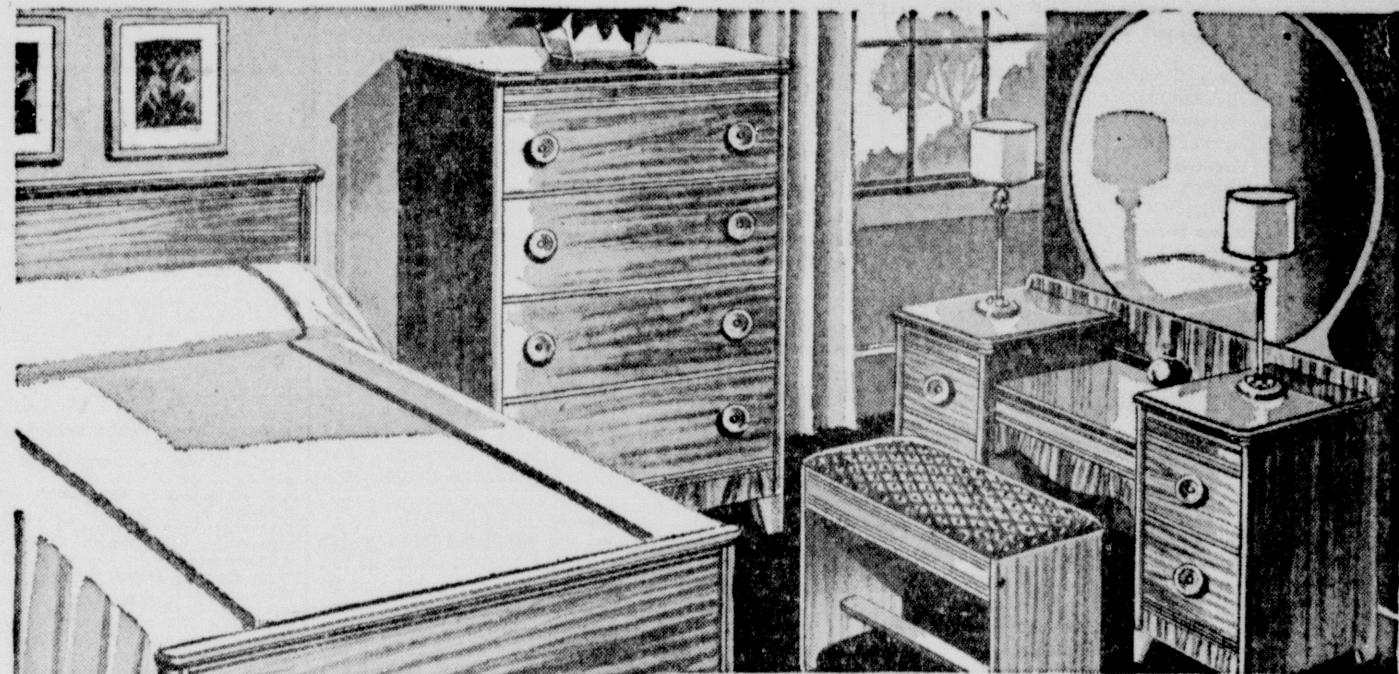
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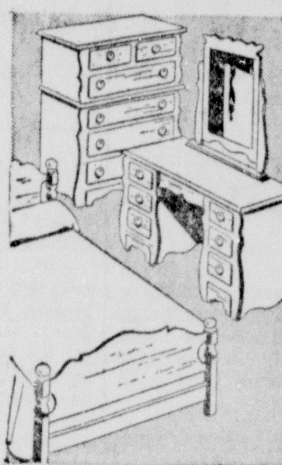
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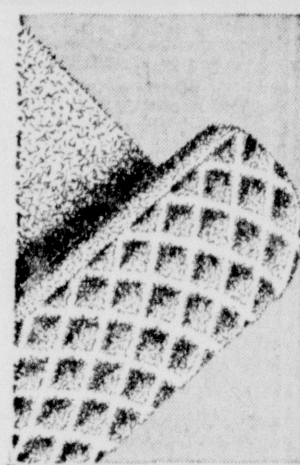
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MARINES GUARD FLAG ON MOUNT

Don't Get Much Sleep
Night Emblem Placed
On Mt. Suribachi

By Morrie Landsberg
ABOARD ADMIRAL TURNER'S
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FLAG-
SHIP OFF IWO JIMA, Feb. 26.—(P)—
U. S. marines who planted the flag
on Mt. Suribachi did not sleep much
that night.

"When we put the flag up we in-
tended to see that it stayed there,"
Platoon Sgt. Ernest I. Thomas (112
East First avenue), Tallahassee, Fla.,
said today.

Twenty-year-old Thomas, who
raised Old Glory on the highest point
of Iwo's volcano, had his men dig in
around the flagpole and guarded it
through the night.

"Japanese suicide swimmers from
the west coast tried to get to the flag,"
the blond-headed sergeant said. "But
they didn't get near us."

He was still slightly bewildered by
all the fuss created by his platoon's
feat in scaling the 550-foot high moun-
tain defended then by hundreds of
Japanese. Marines ashore and ship's
crews alike cheered the announcement
of the capture of Suribachi three days
ago.

Sergeant Thomas was brought
aboard this ship and broadcast to the
United States.

"I'm mighty proud but I didn't do a
damn thing," he protested. "Those fel-
lows who were with me ought to be
out here, too."

Young Thomas took over the platoon
after the lieutenant in charge was
wounded. The unit suffered 17 casual-
ties in driving up to the base of Sur-
ibachi but none at the hazardous
climb to the crater.

"I'd plus three we attacked the hill,"
he said. "First, we had to pull out
some barbed entanglements to get
through. What we didn't know, be-
cause we couldn't see them, was three
or four pillboxes within 20 or 30 yards
of the wire."

"I guess you could say we fought
well. That's what we lost seventeen
men out of forty-six. That's when
our platoon leader was wounded and
had to take over. After that I don't
remember much. I and some other
marines led some tanks up there to
go into the pillboxes and caves. We
were about fifteen yards from the foot
of the mountain. I remember a Jap
coming out of a pillbox and setting
up a Nambu machine gun on top of
it. I think about fifty of us hit him
and he died."

"Another thing I remember was a
marine climbing up on a pillbox with

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2822.

CITY OF MONROE

Tax Department

LOUISIANA MEN IN DARING JOB

Three From New Orleans
Among First To Land
On Iwo Jima

(By Stuart L. Parker, O. S. P., USMC, a
Coast Guard Combat Correspondent)

ABOARD A COAST GUARD
MANNED ASSAULT TRANSPORT
AT IWO JIMA, Volcano Islands, Feb.
19.—(Delayed)—Eight Louisiana men,
including Jones from New Orleans,
were among the landing boat crewmen
from this ship whose skill and daring
in the face of a heavy surf and con-
centrated gunfire contributed to the
success of today's landings on bloody
Iwo Jima only 650 miles from Tokyo.

One of the New Orleans men, 31-
year-old Gilbert E. Dawson, of 209
North Carrollton avenue (New Or-
leans), was, with one exception, the
oldest landing boat man participating
in the operation.

Almost all of Dawson's fellow boat
crewmen were teen-age youths se-
lected for a dangerous, colorful job
because of their agility and disregard
for the terrors of a beachhead land-
ing. Dawson, a former Gulf Oil Com-
pany surveyor, is a veteran of the D-
day landings at Normandy and later
in southern France.

Other New Orleans men who helped
put the boats on Iwo Jima's brown
volcanic sand beaches today were Al-
phonse Casaux, 19-year-old coxswain,
of 2307 Governor Nichols street, and
Marvin J. Perrett, 19, a coxswain, of
R. F. D. No. 4, New Orleans.

Other Louisiana men participating in
the assault, several of whom first
learned to handle boats on waters of
the bayou country, include:

Curtis R. Jones, 19, of Lake Charles;
Lloyd M. Riley, 20, of Lake Summit;
Joseph H. Richard, 19, of Church-
Point; Maxie J. Gissler, 19, of Ab-
beville, and Taber Pardue, 19, of
Downsville.

This was the first Pacific island as-
sault for any of the Louisiana coast
guardmen from this ship. With the
exception of Pardue, however, all
served in boat crews during the Nor-
mandy and southern France landings
last summer. All left the ship this
morning expressing the thought that
"this will be different than Europe."

Gissler said: "You feel sort of all
alone when you fight out here. We're
doing the same job we did in Europe
but up to now it seems like a differ-
ent kind of war. Guess we've listened
to the old timers out here tell too
many stories."

Gissler, Casaux, Perrett and
Richard, all coxswains, were skippers
of landing craft. The other Louisi-
ana men served as seamen with the ex-
ception of Riley, a motor machinist's
mate, who was a boat engineer.

**FOES OF WILLIAMS
JOINED BY RUSSELL**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(P)—
Counting a safe margin of votes for
Henry A. Wallace's confirmation as
commerce secretary, the administra-
tion encountered a new threat today
to Aubrey Williams' nomination.
Senator Russell, Democrat, Georgia,
joined Senate agriculture committee
opponents of Williams as rural elec-
trification administrator, eliminating
the possibility of favorable committee
action.

Chairman Thomas, Democrat, Okla-
homa, said the fight would be carried
to the Senate floor regardless of the
committee's action, either on an un-
favorable report or on a motion to
discharge the committee from juris-
diction.

Russell, usually an administration
supporter, was known to have dis-
closed his decision in a letter to Wil-
liams. His stand, he said, was altered
by mail from rural cooperatives with-
in his state.

"My vote won't change the commit-
tee situation in any way," he told one
colleague. "There already was one too
many votes against Williams."

The Senate has set Thursday for
consideration of Wallace's appoint-
ment to the commerce post from
which loan and financing agencies
were stripped by the George bill.

**PLAN EDUCATION
AIDS TO VETERANS**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(P)—Edu-
cation authorities assembled in Wash-
ington today to plan new training aids
to veterans, about one-third of whom
will face post-service jobs with eight
years or less of schooling.

The meeting is the three-day "work"
conference under the auspices of the
National Education Association. Mrs.
Franklin D. Roosevelt is among speak-
ers scheduled to discuss various phases
of government-sponsored training
under the "GI bill of rights."

It was learned that of 1,500,000 en-
listed men in the navy, approximately
25 per cent have had from one to
eight years of schooling. It has been
estimated that about 35 per cent of
army men have had that amount.

The difference is accounted for
somewhat by the fact that the navy,
not required earlier in the war to
take men from selective service, was
able to set higher educational requi-
sites.

The conference is to consider the
educational experience of the mili-
tary personnel. Army and navy au-
thorities will present their findings
to the educators.

TWO JAP SHIPS SUNK
CHUNGKING, Feb. 26.—(P)—Lib-
erators of the U. S. 14th air force sank
two Japanese vessels yesterday in the
south China sea, east of the Luzon
peninsula, while other bombers and
fighters hammered enemy airfields
and supply lines from Tungting lake
southward to the Lung valley. An
American communique said one air-
craft failed to return.

3 CHAMPIONS CROWNED
ALEXANDRIA, La., Feb. 24.—(P)—
Three new champions were crowned
in the 24th annual central Louisiana
basketball tournament at Louisiana
College Saturday night. Bolton boys
of Alexandria and Many girls took the
A titles and Bunkie boys and Trout
Goodpine girls the B crowns. The
Trout Goodpine girls successfully de-
fended their championship.

HELP FROM THE GRAVE
When in dire straits, the Chinese
believe they may expect the souls of
their ancestors to come to their res-
cue, but only if the remains have been
properly buried and kept intact.

DEATHS

JAMES DEAN

BASTROP, La., Feb. 26.—(Special)—
The funeral of James David Dean, 66,
who died in Bastrop Saturday, was
held at the Pine Grove Baptist
Church, Monday at 3 p. m. Internment,
directed by the Mulhearn Funeral
Home, was in the church cemetery.
Mr. Dean is survived by his wife;
nine children, Mrs. G. N. Kinard, Mrs.
W. H. Evans, Mrs. J. L. Reppond, and
Miss Helen Dean, Bastrop; Mrs. A. T.
Williams, Irvington, Ala.; Mrs. Willie
Gulledge, Springhill, La.; Cpl. Joseph
David Dean, overseas with the United
States army; Sgt. Felton L. Dean, and
Pvt. Ralph L. Dean, both of the United
States army; sixteen grandchildren,
and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Bullock,
Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. M. E. Jones,
Rockmart, Ga.

DURGIN FUNERAL

The funeral of Herbert Judson Dur-
gin, 78, of 810 North Fifth street, West
Monroe, who died Saturday in a local
clinic, was held in the First Baptist
Church in Monroe, Monday at 9 a. m.
Rev. L. T. Hastings, officiated.
Interment was in Gloster, La., di-
rected by the Mulhearn Funeral
Home. Pallbearers were: H. K. Lit-
ton, J. L. Griggs, Clyde H. Anderson,
J. R. Freeman, A. B. Clarkson, and
Ed Worthen.

He leaves a son, H. G. Durgin, West
Monroe; a daughter, Mrs. Nona Guss,
San Bernardino, Calif., and three
grandchildren.

F. H. ROCKETT

Funeral services for F. H. Rockett,
69, of 913 Montgomery avenue, West
Monroe, who died Friday night, were
held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock
at Ridge Avenue Baptist church with
Rev. A. T. Mitchell officiating. In-
terment followed in Brownlee cem-
etry under direction of Hall Funeral
Home.

He is survived by his wife; five
daughters, Mrs. U. G. Smith, Ringgold;
Mrs. R. L. Mims, Calhoun; Mrs.
Douglas Wallace, West Monroe; Mrs.
J. C. Allen, West Monroe and Mrs.
Arthur Brooks, Calhoun; two sons,
Rev. D. H. Rockett, Epps, and L. N.
Rockett, Greenwood; four brothers,
Charlie Rockett, Lillie; Willie Rockett,
Lillie; Elton Rockett, Bernice; and
Jimmie Rockett, Marion; five sisters,
Mrs. Pearl Beard, West Monroe; Mrs.
Ivy Goss, Doyleine; Mrs. Joe Brook
Beard, Farmerville; Mrs. John Elkins,
Lillie; Mr. Minnie Faulkner, Little
Rock, Ark., his step-mother, Mrs.
J. C. Rockett, Farmerville, and ten
grandchildren.

Pallbearers were W. C. Salley, W. D.
(Billy) Mayes, G. M. Anderson, F. C.
Childers Sr., T. L. Sally and Bennie
H. Andrews.

**WILL NOT SUPPORT
'INVASION' MONEY**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(P)—The
United States has not assumed and
does not intend to assume any liability
for redemption of so-called "invasion
currency" used by American armies
in liberated European countries.
However, Treasury Secretary Mor-
genthau has informed Congress, claims
of foreign governments for the amount
of their currency printed in this coun-
try and used by our forces may be
presented after the war.

"Naturally, some people over there
would like to make the currency an
obligation of the United States treas-
ury, which it is not," Morgenthau told
the House appropriations committee
during a closed-door discussion of the
subject.

Possibly, Morgenthau said, the Ital-
ian government may put in a claim
for reimbursement after the war "and
we, on our side, will have a charge
for the cost of the invasion, and so
forth."

The "invasion money" involved is
the type printed in this country to
purchase supplies for American troops
as they move into foreign countries
that had been controlled by the Axis.

Daniel W. Bell, undersecretary of
the treasury, disclosed to the commit-
tee that the Italian government ac-
cepted responsibility for redemption
of Italian invasion currency under
terms of the armistice agreement. The
same obligation has been accepted
voluntarily by other governments, he
added.

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Will Get Refreshers
Courses After Fighting
As Guerrillas

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—(P)—
Twenty-seven Filipino fighter pilots,
who fought afoot with guerrilla bands
during the three years of total Japa-
nese occupation of the Philippines,
have been returned to the U. S. for
refresher courses at Randolph Field,
Texas.

The war-developed planes of Lt.
Gen. George C. Kenney's far eastern
air force were too "hot" for them to
handle with safety, for they last
stepped into a plane's cockpit in out-
dated pre-Pearl Harbor ships.

Instead of flying they acted as in-
telligence officers, transmitting vital
war information to the outside world
on Japanese communications.

Their guerrilla leaders were in-
structed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur
to release them for flight retraining.
Their commander is Capt. Napoleon
de Leon, 30-year-old veteran of the
Bataan death march.

"I was imprisoned for three months,
then released," said de Leon. "No, I
am sorry I cannot tell you the details
of my release."

De Leon joined a band in the hills.
They entered Japanese areas disguised
as civilians, gathered information and
broadcast it to MacArthur's head-
quarters on a transmitter smuggled in
by submarine.

"That was only part of the job. The
rest was to blow up Jap communica-
tions."

One of our most effective weap-
ons," he disclosed "was an explosive
coconut made by the natives. The
hollow of the coconut was filled with
a homemade substitute for TNT. It
worked very well."

First Lt. Urbano Caldoza, who
served in the same band, smilingly
nodded in agreement.

Regular army men and a number of
civilians joined them in their haras-
ing work. They were inducted into the
guerrillas.

The women who joined the forces
were called the WAS (Women's Aux-
iliary Service), a more dangerous
counterpart of American WACs.
"They did not wear uniforms," Capt.
de Leon explained. "There is no new
clothing in the Philippines."

The guerrillas many times were
fever wracked with malaria and had
little quinine or atabrine. They pro-
duced a substitute by grinding the
bark of the dita tree, extracting a bit-
ter brew which effectively counter-
acted malaria.

Civilian farmers supplied the guer-
rillas with food.

Captain de Leon produced a piece of
Jap paper money bearing the signa-
ture of six navy pilots who crashed
near his guerrilla camp.

"For one month they lived with us.
With their help we killed 12 Japs and
sank two enemy launches."

Mustard gas released in a damp,
dense jungle, may remain effective
for a year.

GOVERNMENT ASKS AID FOR RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(P)—The
Office of War Information said today:
"The government needs and asks its
citizens in this 168th week of the war to:

"Give all you can to the 1945 Red
Cross drive. Voluntary contributions
of \$200,000,000 are needed to carry out
the vast program of service to our
fighting and wounded, prisoners of
war, veterans and civilians in want.
"Observe the midnight curfew on
places of entertainment that starts to-
night. This important measure is de-
signed to save fuel, conserve man-
power and ease the strain on trans-
portation."

"Help solve local transit problems:
Avoid rush hours; have exact fare
ready; move back in the car; use
street cars instead of buses to con-
serve gas and tires; stagger your
work hours; walk whenever possible;
keep your auto working."

"Keep on saving urgently needed
waste paper and kitchen fats—also tin
cans where they are locally collected.
"Help our armies keep up their
heavy fire power. More than 115 mil-
lion ammunition plants badly need
9,600 men and women workers."

1,200 AMERICAN

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many through the 13th day. The 15th
conducted its smash in direct—and
requested—support of the Russian
armies.

The German air force was active in
some sectors against the Allied assault
coming from all directions.

At least 46 Nazi planes were shot
down out of the sky, 27 by the Ameri-
cans and 19 by the British. An addi-
tional 35 were destroyed on the
ground.

Incomplete returns disclosed four
Allied medium and light bombers and
28 fighters missing.

The enemy naval base at Bremen,
where the Nazis were reportedly
speeding work on a new type of sub-
marine, was hit for the sixth time
in a week.

With more than 1,150 United States
Eighty air force heavies setting the
pace, British and American fleets
from England in daylight yesterday
attacked three marshalling yards, two
jet plane airfields, a tank factory, a
synthetic oil plant and a hidden oil
depot in southern Germany.

Two waves of Fortresses, numbering
300, bombed important rail junctions
and Munich where a crowd of Hitler's
most faithful following was just
breaking up a 25th anniversary cele-
bration.

Other American forces hit Aschaf-
enburg, southeast of Frankfurt on the
main, Ulm and Giebelstadt, while an
A. F. Lancaster force bombed the
Kamen oil plant near Dortmund for
the second day in a row.

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2ND AIRFIELD

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anese hands. A third field, in the
northern part of the island, is under
construction but far from completion.
The only airfield long enough to ac-
commodate bombers, Motoyama No. 1,
was overrun by the Yanks the day
after the invasion.

The fanatical Japanese defenders
were using the most modern weapons
they have shown yet in the Pacific.
These included rockets weighing more
than 1,000 pounds, heavy mortars,
heavy land mines, pillboxes four feet
thick, and an extensive underground
system of interlocking strongholds.

Most of the hillside caves are 30 to
40 feet deep.

The Nipponese troops, too, are above
average. Many of them are six-footers,
rare for Japanese.

Secretary of the Navy James V. For-
rester, who went ashore on Iwo
Wednesday, broadcast from Guam last
night that the Japanese put "every
kind of defense" into the eight-square
mile island, a vital shield for Nippon,
and the terrain forced the Yanks to
make a frontal assault.

"The Japs took full and skillful ad-
vantage of that terrain," he said, "and
of the fact that there could be no
tactical surprise as to where an enemy
would land. We had to land where
we did and it had to be a frontal as-
sault."

**SCORES HURT IN
RIOT IN CANADA**

DRUMMONDVILLE, Que., Feb. 26.
—(P)—Scores of residents of this pre-
dominantly French-Canadian city
were injured yesterday in a two-hour
riot which followed a government
search for draft dodgers and army de-
serters.

Most of the injured suffered bruises
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ble broke out at 12:30 a. m.

The melee started when the police
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SNEAD IS FIRST AT PENSACOLA

Finishes Seven Strokes Ahead Of Byron Nelson, Runner-Up

By Skipper Patrick
PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Temperamental Sammy Snead of Hot Springs, Va., was one championship up on Byron Nelson of Toledo, Ohio, today as the barnstorming pro pulled out for Jacksonville where they begin their 14th Thursday of the winter golf circuit Thursday.

Slammin' Sammy gave the money boys another lesson in driving yesterday to win the \$6,500 Pensacola Open with a 72-hole total of 267, 21 strokes under par and seven strokes better than runner-up Nelson.

Nelson still tops the field in war bond earnings, however, having ranked in a grand total of \$14,468.66 maturity value during the winter compared to Snead's \$12,516.66. Snead has played in two less tournaments than Nelson, skipping the Texas and Corpus Christi

Opens to rest a lame back. His share here was \$1,333.33, Nelson's \$933. Hitting straight down the fairway, Snead drove onto the 330-yard tenth green and reached the 508-yard 12th in two strokes. He scored 24 pars, 10 birdies, one bogey and a double-bogey in chalking up a pair of 4-under par 68 rounds yesterday.

Snead had his troubles on the final rounds, however. He drove into the trees from the 14th tee on the third round and penalized himself two strokes before holing out with a double-bogey 6. After topping his second shot on the long 12th fairway in the afternoon, he complained to the gallery that clicking of camera shutters was spoiling his game, but he managed to birdie-4 on the hole.

Nelson advanced from a sixth place tie at the end of two rounds to a second place finish. He had a one under par 71 on the third and a 7 under 65 on the last for a total of 214.

Harold McSpaden of Sanford, Me., runner-up through the second and third rounds after setting the pace Friday, closed out in a tie for third with Claude Harmon of Grosse Pointe, Mich., at 275. McSpaden's final rounds went in 70 and 71, and Harmon in 71 and 67. Each got \$666 in war bonds.

Grouped in a tie at 279 for fifth, sixth and seventh places were Craig Wood of Mamaroneck, N. Y., Henry Picard of Harrisburg, Pa., and Sgt. E. J. (Dutch) Harrison of Little Rock, Ark.

P. G. A. Champion Bob Hamilton of Evanston, Ill., and Leonard Dodson of San Francisco, finished with 281s for an eighth place tie.

Fred Haas Jr., New Orleans, had a 287 total, eight strokes better than his amateur rival, Ed Furgol of Detroit.

BLANCHARD MAY WIN FOR CADETS

Counted Upon As Strong Man In Track And Field Meet

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Felix Blanchard, fullback of Army's unbeaten football team last fall, may be the strongest man to help bring the Cadets their second straight I. C. 4-A indoor track and field title at Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

The hard guy with the soft Louisiana accent never as much as picked up a 16-pound shot until this winter, but Saturday night he grabbed second in the National A. A. U. meet with a heave of 48 feet 7 1/2 inches. Walfrid Bangert of Missouri was first with 50 feet 5 3/4 inches.

Blanchard's effort was two feet and three inches better than the put that won the I. C. 4-A a year ago.

While some 30 other colleges will compete this week-end, the meet is hardly more than an Army-Navy duel. The two teams finished in that order in the indoors a year ago and merely reversed their positions in the outdoor program at Philadelphia last May.

The present West Point array includes 13 individual holdovers and two relays that brought in 40 1/4 points a year ago. In addition, points will be expected from Blanchard; Ralph Davis, brother of football Glenn Davis, a potent weight thrower; and Max Minor, who won the A. A. U. low hurdles last Saturday in 37.

Navy counters with 39 men, eight of whom registered 32 1/2 points a year ago with the help of two relays. The Middies also have newcomers who can score, especially Ralph Ellsworth in the sprints.

Although the program as a whole will be collegiate, a special mile run has been arranged in the belief that Gunder Haegg, Swedish star, will have arrived by then. The race is known as the Louis S. Zamperini Invitational, in honor of the Southern California miler who won the I. C. 4-A outdoor crown in 1939 but now is believed to be a prisoner of the Japs.

Haegg, as well as hurdler Haakon Lidman, failed to reach the United States in time for the A. A. U. title meet. James Rafferty took the mile in 4:17.5 and Forest Efraw the three-mile in 14:26.3. The Swedish distance runner was entered in both events.

NEWSOME, PASCHAL ACCEPTED BY ARMY

ATLANTA, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Lamar (Skeeter) Newsome, Boston Red Sox shortstop, and Billy Paschal, New York Giants fullback, have been accepted for general army service.

The Fort McPherson public relations office announced the results of the pre-induction physical examinations begun at the post on Friday.

Newsome was fourth in the short-stop fielding averages for the American League last year and hit .242.

The 23-year-old Paschal has seen service in the merchant marines since he left Georgia Tech after his freshman year to enter the army air forces from which he was given a medical discharge.

Carrots are descendants of Queen Anne's lace, well-known weed of the countryside.

CAGE INTEREST SHIFTS TO POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

North Carolina Defeats Duke To Become Conference Champ

By Joe Reichler
NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(AP)—With the collegiate basketball season nearing an end, interest has shifted to the N. C. A. A., the New York National Invitational and other post-season tournaments.

North Carolina became the latest conference champion, downing Duke's defending champions 49-38 before 4,000 fans at Raleigh, N. C., to capture the Southern Conference crown. The game climaxed a three-day milling by eight teams in the annual tournament and reversed last year's final when the Dukes outpointed the Tar Heels for the title.

Other league and conference champions are Rice, unbeaten in all 12 Southwest Conference games, U. C. L. A., in the southern division of the Pacific Coast Conference and Pennsylvania in the Eastern Intercollegiate League.

The Southwest Conference race ended last week with Arkansas sweeping a two-game series with Texas A. and M., to claim second place. Arkansas and Oklahoma A. and M., a Midwest independent, have accepted bids to play in the Western N. C. A. A. regional tournament at Kansas City next month. Rice declined a bid due to its naval trainees being unable to stay away from the campus long enough.

The mythical Eastern championship will be at stake when the Army and Navy clash at Annapolis Saturday. The Cadets who had their 27-game streak snapped by Penn last week rebounded Saturday with a 54-51 victory over a strong New York U. five while the Middies suffered their first defeat bowing to the Bainbridge naval quintet 68-60 after winning 12 straight.

Except for a couple of surprises, Baldwin-Wallace's 57-54 defeat of Bowling Green and Syracuse's 45-43 triumph over Sampson N. T. S., the week's games stuck to script. Six-foot-nine-inch George Mikan scored 30 points for a new Chicago stadium record as DePaul crushed Western Kentucky 65-49 to close its season with 13 victories in 20 starts before a season record crowd of 15,862 fans. The giant center, who is expected to lead his team to an eastern journey for New York's National Invitation tournament next month, finished with a 20-game total of 429 points, 21.4 per game.

Iowa, Big Ten Conference leaders, routed Wisconsin 66-37 for the Hawkeyes' first victory on the Badgers' floor in 11 years. It was the Hawkeyes' ninth win in 10 conference games. Ohio State piled up the biggest score of the conference season and its all-time team high as the Buckeyes poured it on Indiana 85-52.

Kansas crushed Missouri 64-33 and edged one game nearer the Big Six conference championship. Iowa State put Oklahoma out of the race with a 31-29 triumph to stay a half-game away from Kansas.

Tennessee and Kentucky wound up the Southeastern Conference campaign tie for first, the Vols with a record of 8-2 and the Wildcats with 4-1. They play this week in the conference tournament at Louisville, Ky., to decide the champion.

In the other sections, Utah leads the Big Seven division while Oregon and Oregon State are tied in the Pacific Coast's Northern Division with Washington State one half game behind.

FINAL FIELD TRIAL BID IS MADE TODAY

GRAND JUNCTION, Tenn., Feb. 26.—(AP)—A Texas setter makes the final bid in the national field trials today and then the judges pick the champion bird dog of America.

Twenty-third and last of the Blue-bloods to take a shot at the quail beaves on Hobart Ames' rolling plantation was Flight Commander, owned by C. D. Duffield of Tyler, Tex.

Commander was to make his run this morning and indications were that a second series would be necessary this afternoon to decide the championship.

During the week's competition three pointers have established themselves as outstanding contenders for bird dogdom's highest honor.

They are the two-time winner, Ariel, an entry of A. G. C. Sage of New York; Tarheel's Lucky Strike, owned by G. M. Livingston of New York; and a little lady with a lot of class, Norias Burk, owned by Douglas Smith of Biloxi, Miss.

MISSISSIPPI TEAMS PLAN SPRING GAME

GREENVILLE, Miss., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Coach Rab Rodgers of the Greenville Hornets said today the Vicksburg Greenies and Greenville Hornets will engage in a spring training game in football here on April 6.

Coach Rodgers said he completed arrangements for the game with Vicksburg's Coach Sammy Bartling at the Big Eight basketball tournament in Vicksburg last week.

The game will climax spring training of the two Big Eight teams. The Hornets play Vicksburg in a regular scheduled game at Vicksburg next fall.

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Sports Roundup

By Hugh Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Howard Hobson, Oregon's coach on leave, who showed perfect timing when he left the United States soon after springing that three-point basketball scheme, sends this further explanation from an APO address. . . "I had no idea of making what seems to be a radical suggestion when I started my study. It was primarily for scouting and coaching purposes. However, I am convinced now that these suggested changes may help solve the problems on the zone and the big man who is not a basketball player. . . A generally overlooked point which led to the idea of rewarding long shots, Hobson adds, is that many kids are becoming strictly one-hand shooters, which leads to the domination of the game by any big guy who can play a "key hole" zone defense. . . The 21-foot arc may not be quite right, its originator concedes, and maybe 25 feet would be better. Only further experiments can show.

Today's Guest Star

Si Burris, Dayton, Ohio, Daily News: "Paul Burris has been given the responsibility of finding a suitable nickname for the Cleveland all-American conference team. One fan already has suggested 'Caballos' because Arthur (Mickey) McBride, owner of the club, owns a taxicab company along the same lines. I might suggest 'taxidermists,' although somebody would be sure to say they had the stuffing knocked out of them whenever they lost a game."

Monday Matinee

When he was 14 years old, Phil Herman played on a state championship high school basketball team at lower Merion, Pa. He repeated the feat next year and at 16 his team reached the eastern Pennsylvania finals. Now at 17 Phil is freshman star of Penn's Eastern Intercollegiate League champions. . . Jack Medel, Wisconsin end, is working between a year of post-graduate study and a good offer from the football giants. . . Joe Boley, Waterbury, Conn., basketball coach, played on a pair of teams that scored 123 points in two games one day last week—and both of them lost. Would you say Joe was boyed over? . . . Another odd bowling record in the A. B. C. collection is that of 69 gutter balls in one season by "Poodle" Nelson of New York in 1895-96. After the season pals presented Poodles a 26-pound turkey—stuffed with lead.

Service Department

George Strohmeier played through the entire football season without a serious injury to win all-service honors. Just before he finished his primary flight training at Norman, Okla., Cadet Strohmeier was asked to put on a diving exhibition, slipped on the board and busted a hand. . . Lt. Clair Hess, former Penn State wrestler who was wounded during parachute descents in Normandy and Holland, has just this to say about his latest bit of action: "I spent the holidays in Bastogne." . . Ten clubs in a navy officers bowling league in Bermuda are named after National Football League clubs. At last report, The Packers were still looking for their first victory. What's that again?

SPORTS IN BRIEF

(By Associated Press)
VICKSBURG—The Carr Central High cagers of Vicksburg were the basketball champions of the Big Eight Conference today. The powerful Vicksburg aggregation won the title in Saturday's finals, defeating Greenwood 30-19. Vicksburg found the goal in the second half after the first half ended in a 12-all deadlock.

After the tournament, coaches, officials of the tournament and sports writers present, announced their selections for the all-Big Eight team. Named were Hewes Jackson, Styles Greenwood; Lee and Anderson of Vicksburg; Carpenter of Hattiesburg and Nason of Jackson. The announcement said that six men were named to the first team because Carpenter and Nason were tied in the voting.

RUSTON—Ouachita Parish High captured Class A honors, and Doyline the Class B championship Saturday night in a basketball tournament held at Louisiana Tech. Ouachita defeated Ruston High, 30-27, and Doyline took the measure of Ogden, 28-24.

NATCHITOCHEs—Natchitoches defeated Bossier City 40-19 here Saturday to win the Class A boys' championship. Converse won the Class B championship by downing Coushatta, 29-23. In the girls' division, Athens took Class A honors by edging out Harris 13-10, and Florien beat Ajax, 22-13, for the Class B title.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Ray "Sugar" Robinson and Jake Lamotta each received \$19,452.90 for their fight at Madison Square Garden Friday night. Robinson donated \$1,945.29 of his share to the Heart fund for disabled war veterans while Promoter Mike Jacobs contributed ten per cent of the net or \$7,204.71.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 26.—(AP)—In a variation on the hickory-dickory-dock theme, an unwise mouse scampered across a bowling alley and deflected Sully Frantz' oncoming ball just enough to produce a strike—two in fact, since the mouse was killed. Sully figured it was a ratty trick, however, as he was headed for an all-Sparex game for which the house offers a prize.

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE TIE

Counted On To Settle Dispute In Conference Tourney

ATLANTA, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Tennessee and Kentucky, perennial basketball rulers of the Southeastern Conference, ended the season in a tie so far as percentages go. The only difference is that Tennessee played ten games, Kentucky five. But they are counted on to settle the dispute in the conference tourney which opens Thursday.

The two giants are favored to enter the finals. The pairings for the tournament put Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia Tech and Alabama, in that order, in the four seeded positions. The Wildcats and Vols have won two tournaments apiece in the four years it has been held on neutral ground at Louisville.

Kentucky and Tennessee have met twice this year. Tennessee won at Knoxville, 53-34, and Kentucky won the return bout at Lexington, 40-34. Tennessee wound up the conference race last week with a 38-27 win over Alabama, which gave the Vols eight loop wins against losses to Kentucky and Georgia Tech. Kentucky has a record of four wins and that loss to Tennessee.

Over all opposition Tennessee won 15 games and lost three. Kentucky won 17 and lost only to Tennessee, Notre Dame and Michigan State.

The draw placed the Vols in the second bracket with third-seeded Georgia Tech, a team which gained an even split in season play. Tennessee, after winning handily on their home floor, bowed to the engineers in a second meeting in Atlanta.

Georgia Tech made a great late season comeback by whipping five conference opponents in a row, but finished only fifth in the regular season with seven triumphs against four losses, behind Mississippi and Florida. The Engineers beat Georgia 62-42 Saturday night for their second win over the Bulldogs this season.

The opening game of the conference tourney will send these two teams against each other Thursday afternoon. In the same bracket, Tennessee is paired with Mississippi for a night engagement. The same night Kentucky opens defense of its title against Florida.

Mississippi State, Auburn, Alabama, Tulane and Louisiana drew byes, Friday's games in the top bracket will send Mississippi State against the Georgia-Georgia Tech winner and Auburn against the Mississippi-Tennessee winner. In the lower bracket, Alabama and Tulane, bye teams, will play each other, and L. S. U. will take on the Kentucky-Florida winner.

Last year Kentucky defeated Tulane for the title, 62-46. Tennessee did not have a team. In the 1943 finals, Tennessee beat Kentucky, 33-30 for the championship.

Two of the teams do not wind up their seasons until tonight. Georgia is scheduled to play the Cherry Point (N. C.) marines at Athens and Mississippi State takes on Arkansas State at Oxford. All conference teams plan to enter the Louisville tourney except Vanderbilt.

The teams finished the season in this order:
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Kentucky . . . 4 1 262 196
Mississippi . . . 3 1 184 136
Florida . . . 4 2 299 240
Georgia Tech . . . 7 4 561 482
Alabama . . . 5 3 342 301
Louisiana State . . . 3 3 287 262
Tulane . . . 3 3 268 268
Georgia . . . 2 9 450 607
Mississippi State . . . 2 9 372 523
Auburn . . . 2 6 349 446

LAKE CHARLES FIVE GOES INTO FINALS

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 26.—(AP)—The Lake Charles, La., Field Flyers advanced to the finals of the Third Air Force Basketball Tournament last night by defeating the Gulfport, Miss., Bombers 66-51.

Hodges, right forward for the Flyers, led the scoring with 27 points, and played an outstanding game for the victors. Dare, Gulfport left guard, led his team with 20 points.

An opponent for the Flyers in the Third Air Force championship finals has not yet been determined.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Ike Williams and Willie Joyce arrived yesterday for final training for their 12-round "rubber" bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night. The two lightweights each won a decision in their two previous bouts at Philadelphia.

GREATER SELF-GOVERNMENT IS AIM OF MINOR LEAGUES

Also Want Guarantees Against Post-War Expansion Of Majors

By Jimmy Jordan

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Minor league baseball, "kicked around" more or less by the majors for years, is ready to stand on its own feet and assert itself.

The smaller leagues, from Class AA down to non-operative but still "alive" Class D circuits, will take the first step in that direction today when a joint committee meets here to make recommendations for revision of the major-minor agreement.

Among the proposals expected to be offered in revision of the agreement which expires next January are:
1. Greater self-government.
2. Guarantees against post-war major league expansion.
3. A voice in selection of a commissioner to succeed the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis.

4. Increase in the draft price, which now is \$7,500 for a Class AA player. Tommy Richardson, president of the Eastern League and chairman of the committee, said no formal proposals for changes had been received, and added that his group merely would sift the proposals expected during the three-day meeting here and make recommendations which will be acted upon at the December meeting of the National Association.

Several leagues were interested in having the new major-minor agreement include guarantees against major league expansion because of the probability of post-war air travel will make it possible for teams from coast to coast and border to border to compete on a league basis.

Under the present setup, any major league team can purchase a minor league franchise by giving the league \$5,000 and making suitable arrangements with the club owner, without regard for the league's stability. That would give the majors an opportunity to place teams in such cities as Los Angeles and San Francisco of the Coast League, Milwaukee of the American Association, or Baltimore of the International League.

The minors, at present, must bow to the will of the high commissioner, yet they have no voice in his selection. He is elected by the presidents of the 16 major league clubs. Richardson says they want that rule changed, too, when the new agreement is reached.

However, Landis' successor probably will be named before the December meeting of the National Association. Clarence (Pants) Rowland, president of the Pacific Coast League, has been outspoken in his demands the prices of players drafted by the majors be raised. He feels the price should be hiked to at least \$12,000, because the draft price of \$7,500 often is much lower than the price a minor league club could ask on the "open market."

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Louisiana State 70, Northwestern (Louisiana) State 34.
Arkansas 87, Texas A. and M. 36.
Atlanta Naval Air Base 37, Georgia Preflight 35.
North Carolina 49, Duke 38 (Southern Conference tournament final).
Alabama 56, Mississippi State 38.
Georgia Tech 69, Georgia 42.
Jackson A. B. 29, Mississippi 37.
Washington (Maryland) College 49, Loyola 36.

Southwest
Oklahoma A. and M. 60, Texas Christian 25.
Sunday
Georgia Preflight Navy 51, North Georgia College Cadets 36.
Cherry Point Marines 48, Georgia Preflight Marines 29.

SPORTS MIRROR

(By Associated Press)
Today A Year Ago—Gil Dodds won national and mile in 4:08.9 after running first three quarters in 3:31.

Three Years Ago—Pitchers Johnny Murphy, Alton Donald, Spud Chandler and Marius Russo signed Yankee contracts.

Five Years Ago—Maurice "Clipper" Smith reconsidered his acceptance of head coaching jobs at Loyola of Los Angeles to remain at Villanova.

Ten Years Ago—Babe Ruth released by Yankees, announced he would sign three-year contract with Boston Braves as player, assistant manager and vice-president at reported salary of \$25,000 yearly plus percentage of club profits and opportunity to buy stock.

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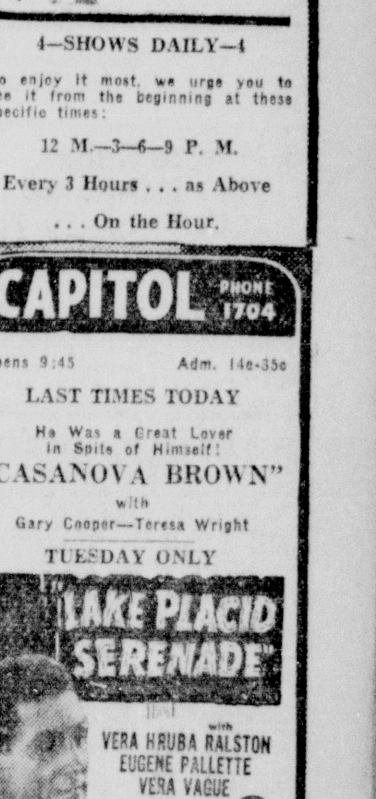
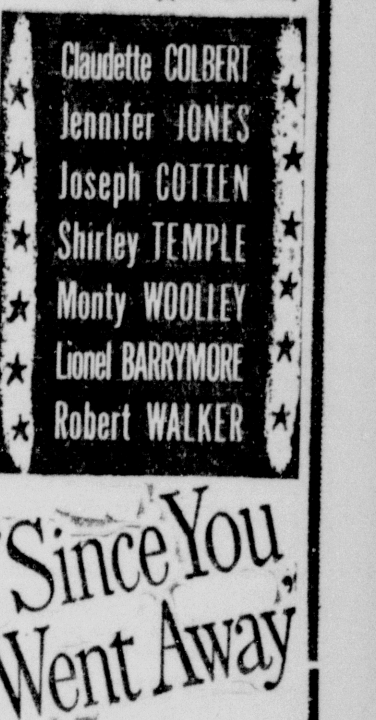
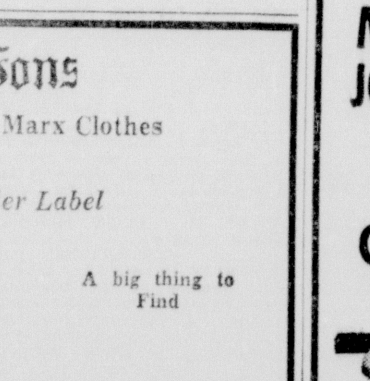
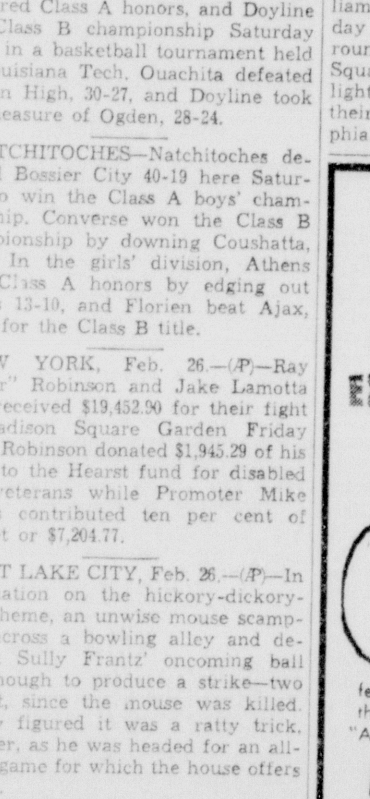
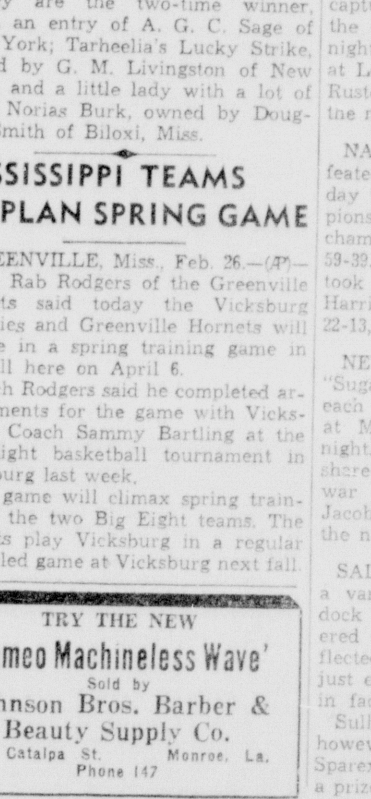
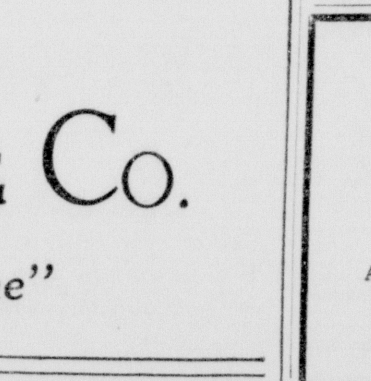
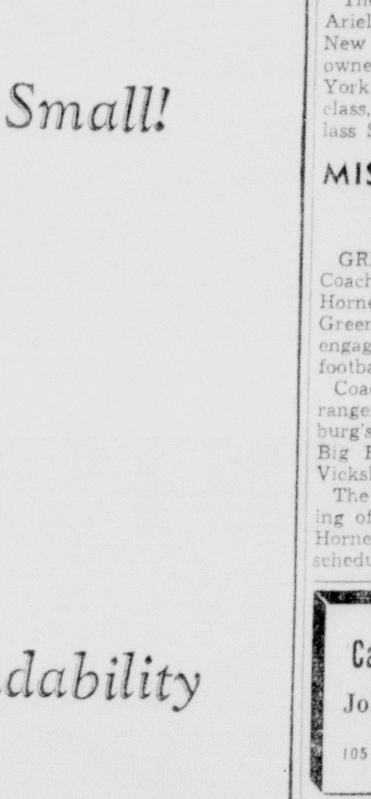
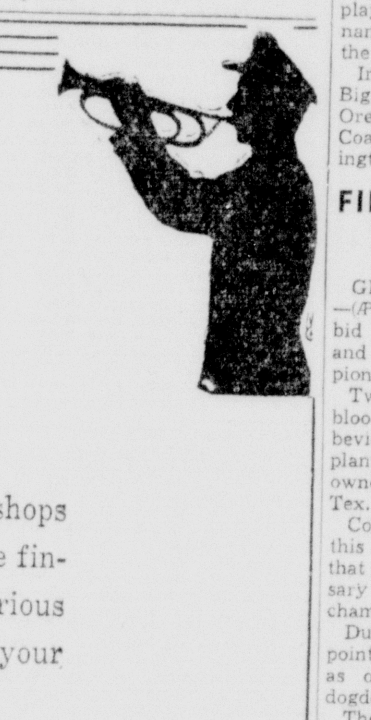
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WANTED—Three colored girls for bus girls
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2-27-P

WHITE HOUSE KEEPER wanted. Reliable
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Call 745.

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LADY for general office work. Experience
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3-4-A

WANTED—Lady to do general office work.
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3-4-A

WANTED—Waitress. Apply in person.
Hendrix Sandwich Shop, 206 Bridge
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COLORED GIRL wanted as dishwasher.
Good pay. See G. C. 311 Catalpa.

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TWO EXPERIENCED WAITRESSES

Profitable employment can be secured
for two waitresses with experience who
can qualify for work in our Grill. Apply
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MRS. L. M. MANUS, Manager
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THOROUGHLY experienced bookkeeper

Salary \$175 to \$200. Call Ruston, La.
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34—Help Wanted, Male

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Good salary. Handy work. Call 4402-W
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FOR LOUISIANA TERRITORY. MUST HAVE
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White Combination Shipping Clerk and
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Not over 30 years of age.

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BOYS' WEAR

Open to an experienced
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Colored man experienced in changing
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MAN OR LADY age 17 to 30. This is direct
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YARD MAN, wife wanted to live on prem-

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OTTO PASSMAN HEADS MASONS

Local Business Man Is Installed Grand Master In Louisiana

Otto E. Passman, Monroe business man and recently retired as lieutenant commander in the United States naval reserve, was recently inducted as grand master of Louisiana Masons in New Orleans. He was regarded as fitted for this important position through his record of past performances, his abounding faith in the work, and his contagious enthusiasm which inspires leadership. He was elected grand junior warden of the Grand Lodge in 1942 and advanced to grand senior warden in 1943. In 1944, although he was absent from the state as a naval officer, and could not attend the Grand Lodge communication, he was elected deputy grand master. Mr. Passman is past master of Graham Surghor Lodge No. 383 in Monroe.

The Grand Lodge has met every year in this state in grand communication ever since it was formed in 1812. This year, however, the situation with regard to travel and hotel accommodations have caused the cancellation of the annual communication, and it had been decreed that the annual election of the Grand Lodge officers be through mail ballot. The result of the election thus held was as follows: Otto Passman, Monroe, grand master; Theodore F. Mathes, New Orleans, deputy grand master; Quincy T. Hardner, Urania, grand senior warden; U. W.

MONROE MAN HEADS L.A. MASONS



Shown above are Otto E. Passman being inducted by Dr. D. A. Strickland as grand master of Masons in New Orleans recently.

68 'ANGELS' OF BATAAN RESTING IN CALIFORNIA

Returned Nurses Will Visit Home As Soon As Possible

By Norman Bell
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Back in their homeland after three years of war and captivity, 68 "angels" of Bataan and Corregidor rested at the army's Letterman General Hospital here today.

Most of the valiant army nurses and technicians and the one Red Cross worker, who arrived Saturday by air transport command planes from the Philippines, hope to visit their homes as soon as possible.

The majority, while under normal weight, appeared to be in fairly good health.

Only 14 were classed as litter cases, including veteran senior chief nurse Maj. Maude Davidson, 59. They came in the one hospital plane "Home Sweet Home" of the ATC squadron of transports.

The joy of being back in America was matched by the eagerness of the repatriated nurses to catch up on things they have missed.

Most of them had new wrist watches, to replace the ones taken from them by the Japanese when they were captured on Corregidor May 6, 1942.

Some declared they would like to return to the Philippines and on to Japan when that enemy homeland is invaded.

They were happy to learn that the Americans at Los Banos internment camp, south of Manila, had also been freed. There were several nurses there.

They were excited over such ordinary matters as using knives and forks again. They used only spoons to eat the slim diet, principally rice, at the Santo Tomas internment camp, from which they were liberated February 3 by troops of the United States first cavalry.

Maj. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, acting surgeon general of the army, was among the crowd welcoming the country's outstanding heroines of this war at nearby Hamilton Field.

The scene was one that caused even hardened soldiers to choke up with emotion. Some of the nurses were crying with joy as they stepped from the planes. All eyes were wet.

"Oh, it's so good to be back," was the general expression.

Lt. Ann Williams of Harrisburg, Pa., one of the nurses on the plane on which I rode as a war correspondent representing the American press, smiled through tears and said with a brave bravado: "Come on, we all get off here."

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after a visit with her mother and father at Harrisburg, return to duty.

She was in the Santo Tomas Hospital when the American cavalrymen arrived with their tanks. It was night and the tank's searchlights played on the camp's main building.

"It was fantastic—like a dream," said Lieutenant Williams, "but I could smell the American gasoline, and I knew it was true."

The "good smell" of that gasoline was also remembered by Major Davidson, the chief nurse, whose weight shrank from 156 to 80 pounds during her captivity.

She said there was "some arrogance" among the Japanese when they captured Corregidor and that the nurses and 900 wounded soldiers were kept after its surrender, without fresh air.

No nurse was slapped or otherwise mistreated at Corregidor or at Santo Tomas, to which they were transferred nearly a month after the surrender, said the chief nurse, a native of Tannington, Canada, and graduate of Pasadena (Calif.) General Hospital.

None of the nurses to whom I talked said they had actually seen the Japanese physically mistreat anyone at Santo Tomas.

"The food was the worst part," they all said. It became a case of slow starvation on a diet of watery rice the last few months.

"We were always able to get a laugh," said Lt. Minnie Breece of Richmond Heights, Mo. "We were always quite sure our soldiers would be coming back sometime. But the lack of food gets you. It's awful to be hungry all the time—day and night, day after day."

The youngest nurse, Jeanne Kennedy, 26, of Philadelphia, Miss., who trained at the University of Tennessee Medical School, said: "It used to be that I would rather dance than eat."

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But, after I got in jail, I changed my mind.

The repatriated heroines were again in complete uniform when they arrived here. They had received their first facials and shampoos in nearly three years at the WAC beauty parlor at Hickam Field, Hawaii. Five had acquired permanent waves at a Honolulu beauty parlor.

Lt. Alice M. Zwicker couldn't find an evening gown in the Honolulu stores but said she planned to "dress up and have a little night life."

The nurses and three or four specialists were given an advance of \$150 on their accumulated three years of back pay at Honolulu.

"It's the first real American money I've spent in five years," said Lt. Rosemary Hogan of Chattanooga, Okla., as she made her first purchases at the Hickam Field post exchange in Hawaii.

The nurses appeared uncertain what to buy until they were warned of the shortages of cigarettes, gum, candy and face tissue in the United States. Even then, they didn't take advantage of the offer of "all you want."

"They just can't conceive of a United States short of anything," said Maj. James W. Ganley of McKeesport, Pa., whose military police had closed off the exchange area while the nurses shopped for the first time.

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TWO SENTENCED ON BEATING CHARGES

Ernest Williams, U. S. navy, and R. L. Spillers, were sentenced in district court Monday at 10:30 a. m., after being arrested on February 22 and charged with simple battery, according to a report from the sheriff's department. Williams, a sailor home on leave and a returnee from combat, was sentenced to 12 days from the day of his arrest and Spillers was sentenced to 15 days in jail.

These youths, both over the age of 17, were connected with a gang of white youths who call themselves "blockbusters" and who have beaten up a number of Negroes in the past few months. They were held in the parish jail under bond of \$1,250 on five charges of simple battery.

Joe Birco, Negro, charged with carnal knowledge in the parish jail, was sentenced to one year in jail.

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